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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE - RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO

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1. EMBOFF MADE DEMARCHE SEPTEMBER 30 ON PUERTO RICO AS INSTRUCTED REFTEL. ACTING DIRECTOR MEA'S INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT OBEBE SAID PUERTO RICO IS NOT RPT NOT A "BURNING ISSUE" IN FMG. (IT NOT CLEAR WHAT POSITION NIGERIAN DELEGATION AT LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE TOOK ON RESOLUTION BUT WE SUSPECT FMG DOESN'T KNOW.)

2. OBEBE NODDED WHEN INFORMED USG CONSIDERES RESOLUTION FLAGRANT INTERFERENCE IN US INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMENTED THERE NOT RPT NOT MUCH OF A CASE FOR CALLING PUERTO RICO A COLONY IN SAME SENSE AS FORMER AFRICAN AND ASIAN COLONIES OF WESTERN POWERS. HE LISTENED WITH INTEREST RECITATION PERCENTAGE BREAKDOWN OF 1967 REFERENDUM VOTE IN FAVOR CONTINUED COMMONWEALTH STATUS AND SAID SO LONG
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AS PUERTO RICANS ALLOWED EXPRESS THEIR WISHES THROUGH

ELECTIONS WHICH FREE FROM FORCE OR COERCION (AND AS A
FORMER RESIDENT IN US -- MEMBER NIGERIAN UN MISSION -- HE READILY
AGREED ELECTIONS IN US WERE FREE FROM COERCION) THERE NO REASON
FOR OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: IF MEA NOT PREVIOUSLY AWARE EXTENT OF USG
DISPLEASURE OVER MOVES TO CATEGORIZE PUERTO RICO AS NON-SELF
GOVERNING TERRITORY SUBJECT INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION, THAT OVERSIGHT
HAS NOW RPT NOW BEEN CORRECTED. IT APPEARED FROM CONVERSATION,
HOWEVER, THAT FMG HAS NOT YET GIVEN PUERTO RICO MORE THAN PASSING
ATTENTION OR IMPORTANCE. IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T HURT IF AT
SOME POINT DURING UNGA, USUN FOUND IT CONVENIENT REITERATE
OUR ATTITUDE TO NEWLY APPOINTED NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN
HARRIMAN.
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